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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING PERMANENT INTEGRAL CONNECTIONS OF
OXIDE-DISPERSED (ODS) METALLIC MATERIALS OR COMPONENTS OF
OXIDE-DISPERSED (ODS) METALLIC MATERIALS BY WELDING

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a copy of an Office Action issued by the German Patent Office and the cited art.

The concise explanation of the non-English language reference, Klaus-Jürgen Matthes et al., "Schweißtechnik: Schweißen metallischer Konstruktionswerkstoffe," Fachbuchverlag Leipzig, pp. 420-425, is as follows.

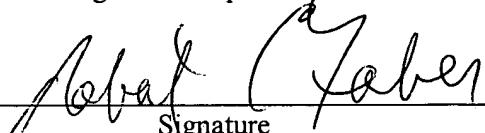
The reference is listed as general background art only in the German Office Action. The method of diffusion welding is addressed in subsection 11.2.1 of said document. Therein, diffusion welding is referred to as one step process in which sufficient heat and pressure is applied at the same time until after several minutes or several hours atoms of the interfaces of the two parts to be connected have exchanged their places. No two separated process steps are

disclosed in which a first diffusion bond is achieved by heating the materials followed by a second step, namely the mechanically recompacting of said diffusion bond.

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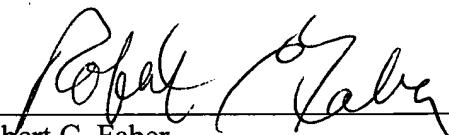


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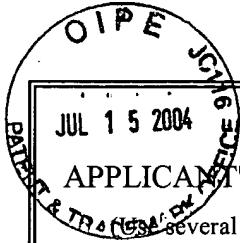
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

1.	Klaus-Jürgen Matthes et al., "Schweißtechnik: Schweißen metallischer Konstruktionswerkstoffe," Fachbuchverlag Leipzig, pp. 420-425.

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